

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 8, 10 to 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Takeuchi et al. (US 4,694,749). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Banke (US 4,872,407). Claims 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Chretien et al. (US 6,167,806). Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Hunold et al. (US 6,165,732). Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Huston (US 5,816,165).

Claims 1, 13 and 14 have been amended.

Reconsideration of the application based on the following is respectfully requested

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1 to 8, 10 to 14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Takeuchi et al. (US 4,694,749).

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to clarify that in the present invention the mark varies as it placed on the plate, i.e. at the plate or image making equipment level, as described for example at [0021] and [0037].

In Takeuchi, the mark is at the same place on the plate and does not vary at the platemaking level.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 and 14 is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 has been amended to recite a set of printing forms for different jobs having different marks, support for which is found at [0021] for example or in Figs. 2 and 3 for example. Takeuchi also does not disclose such a set of printing forms, as the marks are the same and in the same place on the plates irrespective of the job.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 to 8, 10 to 14 and 16 thus is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Banke (US 4,872,407). Claims 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Chretienat et al. (US 6,167,806). Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Hunold et al. (US 6,165,732). Claims 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. in view of Huston (US 5,816,165).

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) thus is respectfully requested in view of the above is respectfully requested.

In addition with respect to claims 19 and 20, it is respectfully submitted that one of skill in the art would not have combined the teachings of Huston to Takeuchi, as Takeuchi's marks are for precise positioning and are desired to provide a V-shape. Bar codes or distance measuring are not desirous as marks or a procedure for Takeuchi.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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